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Weather Indications for To-day.

California—Fair weather; variable winds;

nearly stationary temperature in northern portion;

slightly cooler in northern portion.

Oregon and Washington—Fair weather; variable

winds; slightly warmer.

THERE is a sermon in a nut shell in the

epigram going around: "Lee did not whip Grant, but

Grant did not whip Lee." Lee is mistaken, it is

Grant who is mistaken.

It is evident that the German Emperor's

party has carried everything before it in the

Reichstag, on the propositions to

reorganize the army and to increase the

military strength of the Empire. Peace is

to be maintained, but it is to be done at

an expense not greatly less than that of

war, if we are to credit the charges of the

opposition, led by Herr Richter.

A BUDDHIST Episcopal Council is

about to assemble in Paris. The world

really has little knowledge of the spread of

religion in Buddhism among civilized people.

According to Professor Romy, of

Sorbonne, there are 30,000 followers of

that faith in Paris alone. The President

of the French Academy of Medicine has

become a convert.

WHAT next in the way of municipal

expenditure? Here is the Atlanta

Constitution making a brave struggle to have

that city purchase an elephant for the Atlanta

public park. It is double-headed editorial

and a spirit of determination to win, will

bring the elephant. Atlanta will present

its struggling with the question whether an

extra tax must be laid to provide food for

the beast.

TUESDAY even an election for city

officers was held in St. Paul and the reform

ballot system was tried with perfect

success. Time enough was afforded all to

vote, and the voting was absolutely secret.

There was no intimidation or bribery, the

votes were free from espionage and cast

their ballots without any political lieutenant

supervising them. It is evident that the

reform system has come to stay.

It has been a common belief that the

police force of the great cities of America

are composed in largest part of foreigners,

and to city more than New York has borne

the brunt of ridicule based on that

assumption. Recently the force of New

York was canvassed for statistics of natives

of the men, and the returns just made

show that of the 3,600 policemen of all

grades in that city, 60 per cent. are native-

born Americans. The Irish come next,

and the Italians and Germans are few in

the present force.

THE Montreal Witness enters a sincere

protest against expenditure at weddings

which exceeds modest sums. It is timely,

for the drift has been toward an extrava-

gance that often sows the seed of domestic

discord in all after life. If there is reason

for economy in funerals, there is stronger

reason for modesty of outlay at weddings.

The custom of giving costly entertainments

at weddings in excess of the ability of the

parties, not infrequently begins a drain

upon the purse of the new-married pair that

is not checked until the calm of old

age is reached.

THE Trustees of the Art Student's

League of New York will be sustained by

public sentiment in the decision recently

given against the employment of human

models in the nude for study by a mixed

class of either sex in a mixed class, and

St. Gaudens will not be able to convince

the American public to the contrary. The

human form must be studied in art, of

course, but there is no reason why the

sexes in the several classes should not be

separated in the study of models, nor is

there need that there should be such a

purity in the regular schools of art

as might be tolerated and valuable in the

private studio.

THE proposition is "afloat" in Georgia

to divide the school fund so that the school

maneuvering and too little common

sense." If that is all, the keen-witted

maneuverer should be equal to the application

of remedies. In its purity the game is a

fair test of skill; if it descends from that

level, the cause for the retrogression will

not be found in the healthy game itself,

but in the methods employed to achieve

victories. If baseball fails, we fear that

whatever takes its place will be less desir-

able, less athletic and less manly all

around.

THE RIGHT TO TAHOE.

The people of Nevada have very properly

protested against taking Tahoe for the

benefit of California ranches and cities.

One of our esteemed contemporaries says:

"If the waters of Lake Tahoe would be

most useful if they were drawn off west-

wardly, and made to fertilize El Dorado,

Placer and Sacramento, Government en-

gineers would be justified in draining

them in that direction." Now, by a test

of this kind, California has certainly lost

all right to the lake. El Dorado county

cannot be irrigated by the waters of Tahoe.

Beside that, she has unlimited quantities

of water for irrigation in the smaller lakes

west of Tahoe and in innumerable streams

which are available for that purpose.

Placer county has more water running to

waste through her streams and at eleva-

tions making them applicable to her lands,

than will ever be used. Sacramento

county has water in abundance in the

American river, taken at Folsom, in the

Costume or in the Mokelumne. So that

the waters of Tahoe are not needed in

these localities for that purpose at all;

but even if they were, there is more irri-

gation land along the line of the Truckee,

from Tahoe to Pyramid Lake, than in all

the California counties named, and when

under irrigation, it is equally valuable

with the land in California. Beside this,

there is no other water than that of Tahoe

available for the fertilization of these

lands. The test, therefore, stands strong-

ly in favor of Nevada. Take away the

waters of the Tahoe, and you simply

relegate the lands of the Truckee basin to

perpetual aridity; bring the waters of

Tahoe to the western side, and you simply

reinforce an already existing superabun-

dantly of water to the greatest number,

and the greatest fertilization to the great-

est possible acreage. Tahoe should not be

interfered with. Moreover, there is neither

the quantity of water in Tahoe, nor the

watershed area around that lake to justify

the belief that the water can be brought

this way profitably. It is all well enough

for engineers, who have in view great

water schemes, to postulate the existence

of vast watersheds, but the catchment area

of the Tahoe is already well known. Be-

side the surface of the lake itself, its west-

ern shore is as thin of catchment area as a

tin-pan. Its eastern line has about

twelve miles of catchment area, with

about ten inches of precipitation to be

depended upon to fall annually.

With this ten inches of precipita-

tion on the east side, and the catchment

area ascertained, it is very easy to de-

termine how much water the lake affords.

It is simply a basin into which the precipi-

tation falls, and it is at last a question

of the volume of precipitation. There is a

vast accumulation of water in Lake

Tahoe, and if they were emptied to-day there

would be nothing left but the precipitation

upon its catchment area, and that would

not be sufficient to fill it again for many

years. Estimates of this kind have already

been made, and while they will not be

presented here at this time, they are

ascertained with such satisfactory

proof that there is not, taking

one year with another, sufficient

precipitation on the catchment area of

Lake Tahoe to supply, as Mr. Von Schmidt

claims, sixty million gallons a day, the

amount which will be necessary for

economic use in this State. The people of

Nevada should be sustained in their oppo-

sition. There is a natural easement of

that water through the Truckee. They

have the first and best right to that water.

Their opposition to having Tahoe inter-

fered with will receive the commendation

of all just minds.

CHAPERONE BUREAUS.

In New York a chaperone bureau has

been opened and in San Francisco another

has timely announced itself. There are

many women so situated in relation to

their husbands and brother's occupations

that they cannot have for escorts in

business hours; others who cannot have

their attendants in evening hours for

street trips. Yet it is necessary that they

should go out upon the promenade of the

great cities and make trips to distant

parts of these centers of population, and

that they should have escorts on most of

such occasions. To a considerable extent

in recent years they have either employed

messenger-service lads or arranged with

friends so that several can go in a group.

But neither plan is wholly satisfactory.

The new bureaus are supposed to meet the

need and to come up to its full require-

ments. The bureaus engage the services

of intelligent women of good character and

mature years, and who have been well

raised, but are reduced to the necessity

MISS HOPE'S SWEETHEART.

Written for the SUNDAY UNION by Gale Braith.

"Say, kids, can you guess the news?"

asked a tall youth as he joined a group of

boys eagerly watching two young rowers

engaged in a fierce and bloody battle to

the death.

"Oh, who wants to guess now? Darnly,

come here and see the fun. Morgan's

going to win. See, 't'other one's wind is

almost gone."

"It's a lie. Ferguson's in game, and he'll

knock the daylight out of him," shouts

around.

"It's not a lie. I'll bet what you like,"

Morgan's will win."

"That's all you know."

"I'll soon show you what I know," get-

ting very red in the face.

"Will you," the other, looking, proceeding

to disrobe. And it begins to look very

much like another fight, when one of the

combatants drops exhausted, whilst the

other flaps his wings, gives a faint row,

and in a twinkling the last trace of the

female sex, never so much as give a

thought or glance toward their late row

and master. I have frequently heard

women termed hens, and am sure any per-

son of intellect will agree with me in say-

ing there is a strong resemblance.

"There, what I did tell you?" with a

grim triumph, "Morgan's the champion

now, turning to the tall youth named

Darnly, "What do you want to do now?"

"Oh, you never could," contemptuously

said the tall youth. "The boys of Cranks

has engaged another teacher."

"Why, what's the matter with Martin?"

asked a chorus of voices.

"He's resigned," said the tall youth.

"I thought you would soon tire him

out. How many is it now, who have left

on your account, Darnly?"

"What's an ugly frown on Darnly's face."

"He's left you a good one," said the tall

youth. "He's left you a good one," he

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